

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 111**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**213th LEGISLATURE**

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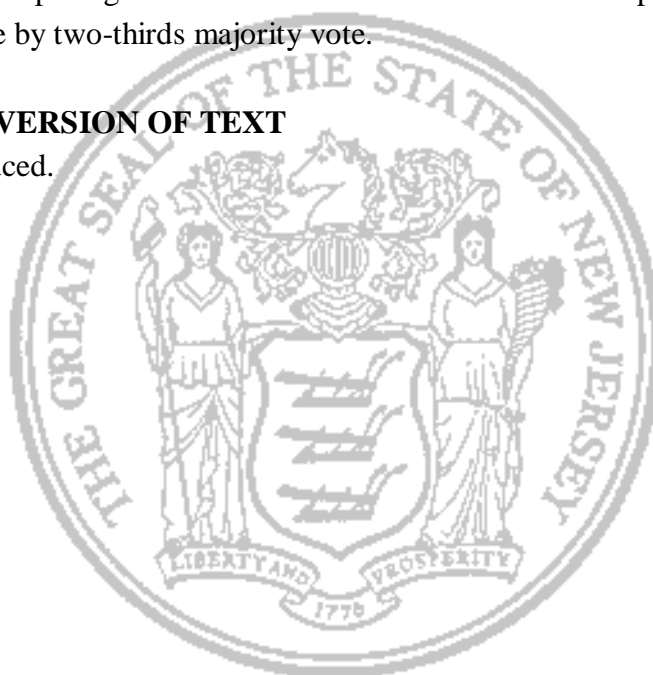
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**SYNOPSIS**

Amends Constitution to require that bills with net effect of raising State revenues by proposing a new State tax or a State tax increase pass each House of Legislature by two-thirds majority vote.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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14        6. All bills and joint resolutions shall be read three times in each

28 No bill or joint resolution the net effect of which is to raise State

34 (cf: Art.IV, Sect.IV, par.6, effective Jan. 1, 1948)

36        1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the General

44 (cf: Art.IV, Sect.VI, par.1, effective Jan. 1, 1948)

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1       2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally  
2 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it  
3 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election  
4 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and  
5 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each  
6 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
7 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three  
8 months prior to the general election.

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10       3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be  
11 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and  
12 form:

13       There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the  
14 general election, the following:

15       a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used, a  
16 legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

17       If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus  
18 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are  
19 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the  
20 square opposite the word "No."

21       b. In every municipality the following question:

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	YES	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</p> <p>STATE TAX BILLS THAT RAISE STATE REVENUES REQUIRE PASSAGE BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE OF LEGISLATURE</p> <p>Do you approve amending Section IV, paragraph 6 and Section VI, paragraph 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey to require that bills and joint resolutions and amendments to bills and joint resolutions that have the net effect of raising State revenues by levying a new State tax or providing for an increase a State tax be passed by the Legislature by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each House of the Legislature?</p>
	NO	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>The purpose of this constitutional amendment is to require that any bill or joint resolution and any amendment to any bill or joint resolution that has the net effect of raising State revenues by levying a new State tax or increasing an existing State tax shall be passed by the Legislature only by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of each House of the Legislature, instead of by a majority vote as with other bills or resolutions.</p>

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SCHEDULE

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This Constitutional amendment shall, if approved, be applicable to action upon bills and joint resolutions pending in either House of the Legislature during the legislative sessions commencing on and after approval of this amendment by the voters.

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This concurrent resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to require that any bill or joint resolution and any amendment to a bill or joint resolution that has the net effect of raising State revenues by levying a new State tax or proposing to increase an existing State tax shall be passed by the Legislature only by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of each House of the Legislature, instead of by a majority vote as with other bills and resolutions.

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